Kidnapping of school children

†816. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the kidnapping incidents of school children in different States including Bihar in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such incidents and the number of cases in which CBI probe has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has from time to time been advising the State Governments to take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against all vulnerable sections of society including children. With a view to deal with the organized crimes effectively, all State Governments and Union Territory Administration have been advised to set up Organised Crime Units (OCU) to be headed by Senior Police Officer.

In the recent past, on reference of the Government of Manipur, CBI has registered a case of kidnapping of a 8 year old girl of Little Flower School of Manipur, who was kidnapped on 04.11.2003 by unknown person.

Harassment of Indian traders in Nepal

817. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepals' Maoist extremists have targeted Indian-origin traders along the Indo-Nepal border in Gonda in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether several families of traders settled in Nepal had migrated to nearby areas of UP following ransom demands and harassment by Maoists in Nepal; and

(c) whether India has taken adequte steps to prevent the entry of extremists/anti-social elements from Nepal to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No such reports have come to the notice of the Government.

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